



# TURLOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL QUARTERLY UPDATE



## HEAD OF SCHOOL

JOHN KENNEDY

Welcome to the 2nd semester of our year at Turlock Christian. It has been a year packed with great things happening in our classrooms and in our extra-curricular activities. We pray that all of our families had a wonderful Christmas break and that our students are ready for the upcoming term. For our seniors, it now will feel like a sprint to the finish at graduation.

When I arrived at Turlock Christian, we were still in the midst of significant disruptions due to the COVID pandemic. Even now, we continue to deal with residual effects of programs delayed or eliminated, co-curricular activities being changed, and the lack of adequate facilities. The leadership of Turlock Christian, along with the school board, have been diligently planning and preparing as we strive to return to many of our former activities.

With your prayers and support, we desire to return to more active community service for our students including missions activities and trips, an expansion of our international student program, and planning for improved or expanded facilities to give our students the best Christian education and experience. These are just a short list of future opportunities and all will require significant work on our part to bring to fruition. While each of these initiatives will take time to accomplish, we believe these are some of the future endeavors God is calling Turlock Christian to accomplish.

There are many great things that will be happening this semester. Look through this update as our board, committees, and leadership share with you the happenings around our campuses, future projects and initiatives, and the successes of our students.

God has blessed Turlock Christian over the last 50+ years. This is a place where our community is the centerpiece of our legacy. Thank you for being a partner with us as we seek to make our students the leaders of tomorrow.

# TCS QUARTERLY UPDATE

## SCHOOL BOARD

MIKE POIRIER, BOARD CHAIR

Happy New Year!!!

A lot has been going on at Turlock Christian Schools the last couple of years and we are excited for what God has prepared for us in the future.



The Board has been working this last year developing and launching Strategic Committees with the Administration. These committees will help us better prepare for the future of Turlock Christian Schools.

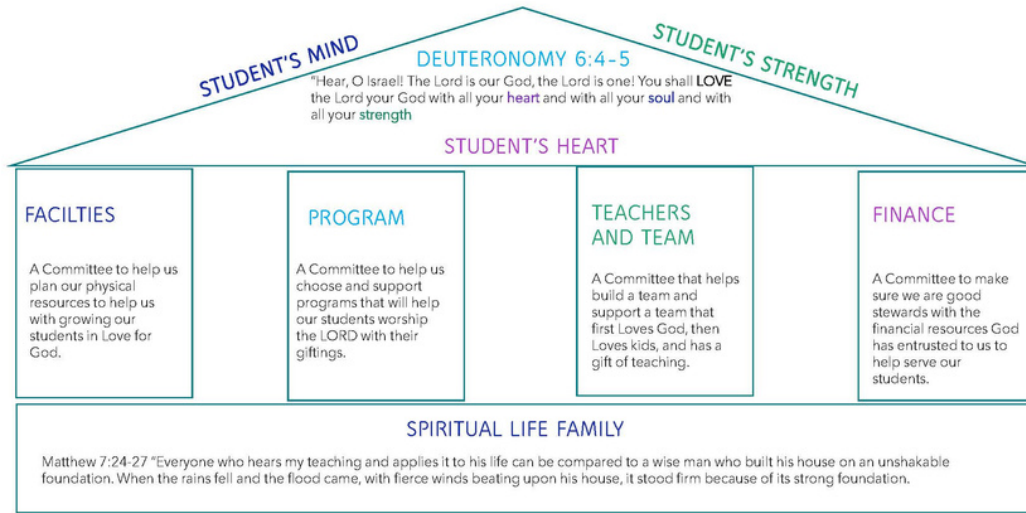
We believe everything we do at Turlock Christian Schools should start with Christ. Each of our Strategic Pillars is built on that foundation.

- The Teacher and Team Committee is built to create a God honoring workplace to serve Christ, our students, and our families.
- The Facilities Committee exists to make sure we have an appropriate physical environment now and for the future.
- The Finance Committee helps us to be good stewards with what God has provided.
- The Program Committee exists to make sure we have excellence in the programs we provide to our Turlock Christian community.

All of these committees are instrumental in helping us build a strategic plan for our future. This will ensure Turlock Christian Schools will continue to make a positive impact in our community for Jesus Christ. On behalf of the board, it is our honor to serve the community of Turlock Christian.

*You can see a diagram of the TCS committees included in this newsletter.*

## TCS STRATEGIC PILLARS



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## ACADEMICS

JANNA FISHER,  
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

At Turlock Christian, our mission is to “prepare students for college and life in the vital areas of faith, virtue, and knowledge”. Every decision we make should align with that mission.

This year is an important year for Turlock Christian as we have our six-year accreditation visit in April.

In our dual accreditation process through WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), Turlock Christian strives to show that:

- Our school's purpose is appropriate and being accomplished through a viable education and trustworthy educational program.
- We are striving for excellence based on a solid Christian philosophy of education.
- The school's program and transcripts are valid and demonstrates a solid level of integrity.
- Our program facilitates transfer of credits to other English-speaking schools — critical for college/university acceptance worldwide.
- Turlock Christian provides a process for regularly examining programs, processes, and data around school goals and student learning through data analysis, reflection, inquiry, and dialogue.
- The school fosters the continuous improvement of the school's programs and operations to support student learning.

*Thank you* to those who are serving on committees to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs in the following areas: Facilities, Personnel, Programming, Spiritual Life, and Finances. Your input is highly valued and allows us to continue to grow and improve each year. I will be sending out surveys to parents next month concerning the overall educational program. They will have the opportunity to share their experiences and give insight on how we can better meet the needs of their child(ren).

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## JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

NINEB SHAHBAZ,  
PRINCIPAL

As we look to the conclusion of our 2022 – 2023 school year, I want to thank you all for your support of our school, staff, teachers and entire education community!



It is clear that the experiences that have taken place this year, inside and outside of the classroom, could not have happened without a great deal of commitment and support from all of you. *Thank you!*

We are excited to see the implementation of MAP® (Measure of Academic Progress) Growth™ assessments. These assessments dynamically measure what students know, show how they've grown, and provide information to help inform educator decisions. These personalized assessments measure growth over time and are given three to four times each year. They provide growth projections for goal setting, adapt, and offer unique, appropriately challenging tests for each student. The assessments are not limited by grade level and provide real-time interactive reports to inform instruction. As a result, teachers are able to identify areas of strength and possible areas of focus to support planning for differentiation and scaffolding for access and extension. This allows continuous improvement across all grades.

TC Athletics continues to stay busy and we could not be prouder of our student athletes. We saw an exciting season with our JH, JV, and Varsity Volleyball teams. This excitement continues now with JH, JV, and Varsity Basketball teams. We look forward to seeing the momentum grow with the upcoming baseball season. Our student athletes and coaches truly work hard and their commitment to TC JH/HS Athletics is evident on and off the court.

As we look ahead, we are reminded by Isaiah 40:31 that “those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.” Let’s bring this school year to a great close as we focus on every moment of learning and supporting our students and each other to the fullest! TC JH/HS is a great education community, and I am grateful to be a member.











# Ag Explorations & Ag Bio Field Trip



## CONGRATULATIONS TO CASE DE JONG FOR BEING ACCEPTED TO CALIFORNIA FFA'S SACRAMENTO LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE!



Sacramento Leadership Experience is one in a lifetime experience you will never forget! Each year California FFA hosts its premier leadership development conference where seventy-five of our top graduating senior FFA members in the state are selected annually to step into the role of one of California's State Legislators. Students are assigned a specific California district and spend four days in Sacramento learning about government, issues in agriculture and ethics, water and natural resources, food and nutrition, and education. At the end of the week, students have the opportunity to conduct mock legislation they have drafted during the conference on the chamber floor of the state senate or assembly.



Preview of Champions  
at Pitman High School  
September 24, 2022 Turlock, California



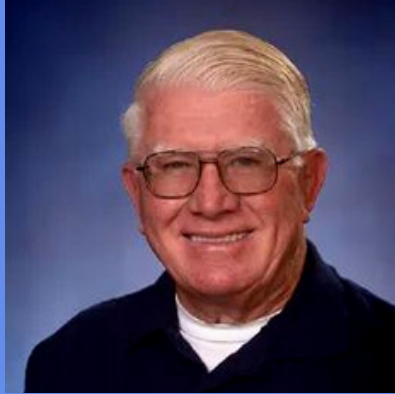


# SARA YANG IN LONDON

Please congratulate Sara Yang for her fantastic performance in London's New Year's Day Parade! Sara travelled to London to take part in the huge yearly event and represent Turlock Christian and our music department. You can view her performance on the website at [lnydp.com](http://lnydp.com). Scroll to 3:22:45 to see Sara and her fellow drum majors perform with the spirit leaders of the USA drum major and cheer camps. The performance can also be viewed on Youtube. Sara earned her spot by being ranked in the top three drum majors of her camp. Congratulations, Sara! We are very proud of you!



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## ELEMENTARY

BOB EARNEST, PRINCIPAL

At Turlock Christian Elementary, we look forward to the opportunities to learn, grow and develop an understanding of God and build a strong relationship with Him.

January through March is a critical learning time for students. There are new skills to develop and meaningful experiences for all.

Students will have fun with the Talent Show, the 100th Day of School, the 101st day of school, Donuts with Dads, boys' basketball, cheerleading, the Father/Daughter Dance and many classroom projects and activities. In addition, students will have the opportunity to learn about the spiritual principles of faith, faithfulness, love, patience, and endurance and how they can be applied in their lives during chapel times, Friday devotions, and in-class Bible study and prayer.

Open enrollment begins for the 2023-2024 school year in February, and we look forward to the new students who will join our TC family. We will be able to continue to have 6th-grade students remain at the elementary campus for next year, but we realize that growth opportunities will force us to consider expanding our facility or look at other options. Leadership is considering several options for future growth. We are thankful that God has enabled us to grow by approximately one-third over the past several years and to influence the lives of hundreds of children during that time. We expect the TC staff for next year to remain consistent with very few changes in personnel.

At Turlock Christian Elementary, students love coming to school, and devoted teachers enrich the lives of their students every day. It is an honor to serve God as Principal.





**101st Day**



**Meet the Masters**



**Enrollment Day**



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## **PRESCHOOL**

JENNIFER RENTERIA,  
DIRECTOR

This has been a busy year at Turlock Christian Preschool, and we want to share the many great things happening.



We are blessed by our children each day as we watch them grow and learn in a safe environment grounded in Christ-centered curriculum and programs.

Parents continue to bring their children to us because of our reputation as a Preschool where their children come first and the dedication of high-quality teachers.

Among the many things happening around our campuses, this year has been the hiring of several new teachers and a new assistant director.

We have had several new upgrades this year to our facilities as well as improvements to systems. One of our upgrades over the last year for our kids to enjoy has been our new playground on the East Free Methodist campus. You can see our staff highlighting the equipment in the picture included in this newsletter. This expanded playground continues to be enjoyed by our children on a daily basis. We are thankful for the generosity and work of so many to make this playground possible. In addition, there have been a number of new carpets and supplies added to our classrooms to enhance learning.

We are thankful for the opportunity each day to serve our children and their families. The future is bright, and we can't wait to see what God has planned for us these next few months.

